

# DOWN THE ROAD

## News

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## All aboard for Claudius Philips' 15 years "Musical Journey"

The composer, arranger, and talented pianist, Claudius Philips has gained the love and admiration of all and everyone who have heard and danced to the rhythm of his well-versed songs.

Claudius Philips, born April 8, is one of Aruba's most talented musician. He began his debut as a singer at the age of 16, participating in different Song Festival in St. Maarten. At age 17, he won his first Song Festival which was held in St. Maarten.

In a period of more than 15 years, Claudius participated in the Carnival Calypso & Road march Contest as "Mighty Talent", winning the title of Calypso King 13 times and 9 times as Road march King, where on several occasions managed to win both crowns - Calypso King and Road march King. His reign as Calypso and Road march King was in the years - '83, '84, '85, '87, '88, '89, '90, '91, '92, '93, '95, '96, '97, and 1998,

As a talented individual, Claudius did not limit himself to participating only in festivals, but had the great opportunity to further his studies and gain more knowledge in music at the Berkley School of Music in Boston. He completed a one-year course



which today serves him well. The OTTI Festivals which is an International Song Festival took place in Washington D.C., in 1983 where he was 3rd finalist. His first 45, "En Cada Nota Cantara Tu Voz" was out in 1984 after winning an unforgettable prize for his participation in the OTTI fes-

tival. In 1983, he won the title of Voz Hubenil - a festival held in Aruba. In 1984, The Caribbean Song Festival was held in Aruba and Claudius was the absolute winner of this festival. He went on to win other festivals such as the Caribbean

International Festival held in Curacao, Talented Teens Aruba 1989, and the Antilles Casoca Festival in 1994. He has established such a great enthusiasm with the public of Aruba and International that he has managed to win also Band of the Year, Music Man of the Year, Superstar of the Year, Song of the Year and many, many more.

He was also given various plaques by the government for his support in the Cultural part of Aruba. He always donated part of his gains to less fortunate children, and always writes songs for kids during the Carnival Season.

As a creative individual, Claudius started his own musical group in 1992, right now consisting of 16 members.

"Claudius & O.R.E.O, For 6

years now he has provided his services to the local community as well as the tourism industry. Claudius & O.R.E.O. has traveled abroad many times to perform for his International fans, such as,

Curacao, Bonaire, St. Maarten, Suriname, Holland and New York.

